

# **IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

**David T. Berg, D.O.**, a 52 year-old physician formerly practicing in Des Moines, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. Dr. Berg was charged with the inability to practice medicine with in a safe manner due to the excessive use of drugs. The Board has charged Dr. Berg with substance abuse on several occasions dating back to 1988. Under the terms of the new Settlement Agreement, Dr. Berg's Iowa medical license was indefinitely suspended. Dr. Berg may seek reinstatement of his license only upon evidence that he is safe to return to the practice of medicine.

**Debra K. Rainey, M.D.**, a 48 year-old physician formerly practicing in Rawlins, Wyoming, had a disciplinary decision issued by the Board. On January 16, 2002, the Board issued an Order requiring Dr. Rainey to complete an evaluation due to concerns she suffered from a mental condition which impaired her ability to practice medicine in a safe manner. Dr. Rainey failed to complete the evaluation in a timely manner as ordered. On September 27, 2002, the Board filed charges against Dr. Rainey's Iowa medical license for failing to complete the evaluation in a timely manner as directed and for suffering from a mental condition which impairs her ability to practice medicine in a safe manner. On November 24, 2003, following a disciplinary hearing, the Board issued a Panel Decision which indefinitely suspended Dr. Rainey's Iowa medical license and required her to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty. Dr. Rainey appealed the Panel Decision. On June 9, 2004, the Board issued a Final Order affirming the Panel Decision. The Board concluded that Dr. Rainey failed to complete the Board-ordered evaluation in a timely manner and that she suffers from a mental condition which impairs her ability to practice medicine in a safe manner. Dr. Rainey's Iowa medical license was indefinitely suspended and she was ordered to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty.